REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claim 1 is amended to include the subject matter recited in Claim 2, and Claim 2 is canceled. New independent Claim 13 recites the subject matter previously set forth in Claims 1 and 4, and new Claim 14 sets forth the subject matter previously recited in Claims 1 and 11. Based on the statement in the Official Action that Claims 2, 4 and 11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims in this application are allowable. In a telephone conference with Examiner Deak following issuance of the July 15, 2008 Advisory Action, Examiner Deak stated that an Amendment such as this which presents Claim 1 in amended form setting forth the Claim 2 subject matter, and which presents only two new independent claims (without any dependent claims) defining the subject matter of allowable Claims 4 and 11 would be entered.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

Should any questions arise concerning this application, the Examiner should feel free to call the undersigned at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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